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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Ref. No. 00-816-C (RPI Ref. No. 700.002))

In re Application of: Usman et al.

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For: NUCLEIC ACID SENSOR
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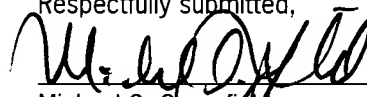
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to the Office Action Mailed July 12, 2002;
 - b) Redlined Version of Amended Claims; and
 - c) return receipt postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) A fee is not required at this time.
 - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 11, 2002.

Date: October 11, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



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